

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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STUDY ON AIR CRASHES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a recent study by Indian Air Force (IAF) has attributed poor maintenance and technical flaws as major factors for air crashes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the country has sufficient availability of highly skilled aeronautical engineers to manufacture and maintain wide spectrum of aircraft for Air Force;
- (d) whether the standard of training and skill match the increasing requirements of the Indian Air Force;
- (e) the engineering institutions that teach and train aeronautical engineers;
- (f) whether the Government proposes to build an institution for aeronautical engineering to meet the demands for building and maintenance of IAF aircraft; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Adequate number of engineering graduates is available in the country to maintain a wide spectrum of aircraft and weapon systems of IAF.
- (d) Yes, Sir.
- (e) Presently, the IAF is inducting graduate engineers and imparts them with ab-initio training in the area of aeronautical engineering at Air Force Academy (AFA), Hyderabad and Air Force Technical College (AFTC), Bangalore.
- (f) & (g): Decision to create new infrastructure like academic institution is based on the requirement of the Services after taking into consideration all the relevant factors.